THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). During the alcohol year 1990-91, the State Government of Tamil Nadu sought permission for export of one lakh tonnes of molasses which has been allowed.

Cut in Annual Plans of States

4787. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have imposed a cut in annual plans of the States for the year 1991-92 as a result of the recent policy of economising the expenditure: and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Medical Electronic Equipments

4788. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the value of electronic medical equipments produced in India during the last three years;

(b) the success achieved in manufacturing those electronic equipments which were being imported in the past; and

(c) the steps the Government are taking to manufacture all electronic medical equipments in India instead of importing them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a)

Year	*Rs. in crores*
1988-89	50.00
1989-90	65.00
1990-91	80.00

(b) Many of the diagnostic, monitoring and life saving electronic medical equipments which were earlier imported, are now being produced in the country. Some of these equipments are: ultra sound scanners, CAT scanners, ECG machines, X-ray equipments X-ray image intensifiers, bed side monitors, central nursing stations, defibrillators and electro surgical units etc.

(c) The Government is engaged in promoting indigenisation of medical electronic equipments by way of technology development and R & D Programmes. The indigenous technology developed for a number of items has been transferred to the industry for commercial manufacture. Some of such items are : Linear Accelerator for Cancer Therapy, Portable Hemoglobinometer for field use, Protable Electronic Weighing Scale for Primary Health Care and Hand Held Data Entry System for Health Care Data collection. It is expected that these items will be manufactured within the country in the near future.

In order to attract and encourage entrepreneurs in this field, this industry has been kept outside the scope of compulsory licensing. Selective import of technology through Foreign Collaborations for variety of medical electronic equipment has been promoted by the Government. To further encourage the industry, the Government has put it in the list of high priority industries by including it in Annexure-III of the Statement on Industrial